

NOTE FOR BRITAIN

SHARP PROTEST WILL BE SENT TO JOHN BULL—COVERS SEIZURE OF MAILS.

MUST COMPLY WITH LAW

Will Also Take Up Britain's Refusal to Allow Hospital Supplies to Be Sent Germany by Red Cross—New Demand Will Be Sharp.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Negotiations with Great Britain regarding interference of mails to and from the United States and interruption of neutral commerce by the British fleet are to be resumed in the very near future. A note insisting sharply upon modifications in the treatment of mails already is being prepared at the state department, and as soon as possible work will be begun on a reply to the last British note defending the operation of the blockade orders in council.

Secretary Lansing let it be known last week that the implied condition in the German note on submarine warfare, expressing confidence that the United States would hold Great Britain to compliance with international law, would proceed with British negotiations.

The note now being prepared reiterates the original protest of the United States against the detention and interference with American mail. The reply of Great Britain received several weeks ago is considered unsatisfactory by President Wilson. It is said that the new demand will be more decisive in its language than the first.

The phase of interference with mails which will be made the subject of protest is the custom of taking neutral ships into British ports for inspection and then removing the mails and sometimes subjecting them to long delays.

The refusal of Great Britain to allow hospital supplies to be sent by the American Red Cross to Germany and her allies is still being carefully investigated at the state department and a protest on this subject is expected to go forward in the near future.

OUTLAWS WRECK A TRAIN.

Eight Persons Killed—Thousands of Dollars Taken.

Laredo, Tex.—Bandits wrecked a train and caused the death of eight persons between Queretaro and Ensenada, Mex., last Friday, according to passengers who arrived here. Many thousands of dollars in new Carranza currency was said to have been taken by the bandits.

To the train was attached the private car of Charles A. Douglas, counsel for Gen. Carranza at Washington, but it was not molested.

The engine and four cars were derailed and the engineer, fireman, helper and other persons riding on the tender were instantly killed. The bandits entered the second class car in front and worked their way toward the rear, robbing the passengers.

Among the passengers robbed were two army paymasters, who lost the funds they were carrying, one \$10,000 and the other \$15,000. In the new Carranza currency, a paymaster of the El Oro Mining company lost \$35,000 and an American named Hill lost \$3,000 in gold.

The express car, which was not molested, is said to have contained 1,000,000 pesos in the new currency.

Fourteen Dead; 30 Injured. Gibbstown, N. J.—At least fourteen men were killed and about thirty injured Monday in a terrific explosion at the Reapiano plant of the Du Pont Powder company near here. The blast occurred in the building in which trinitrotozol is manufactured and wrecked that structure and three others. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Boy Burned at the Stake.

Waco, Tex.—With 15,000 persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, a negro boy who confessed to the criminal assaulting and murder of Miss Lucy Frayar, seven miles south of here, last Monday, was taken from the Fifth district court room and burned on the public square.

Anthracite Coal Prices Soar.

Philadelphia.—An increase of from 10 to 30 cents a ton in the wholesale price of anthracite coal was announced here May 15 by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company, one of the largest producers of hard coal in the country.

Ten Killed While Dining.

Akron, O.—Ten persons were killed and a score were injured here when the old Beacon Journal building, occupied by the Crystal restaurant, collapsed as the result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation.

Half Million Acres Thrown Open.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has made available to entry of homesteaders more than half a million acres of land in the Dixie national forest in Arizona. About one-fourth of the area already has been filed on by forest homesteaders.

Washington.—A bill to make a national part of the territory in Alaska, surrounding Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, was favorably reported to the senate May 15 by the committee on territories.

MEXICANS RAID U. S.

OUTLAWS ATTACK CIVILIANS AND TROOPS FOUR MILES FROM BOQUILLAS, TEX.

ROUTED AFTER SHORT FIGHT

Parley Between Scott and Obregon Ends in Failure—Carranza and Wilson Must Settle Dispute—More Soldiers Chase Bandits.

Marathon, Tex., May 13.—Mexican bandits again crossed into American territory on Thursday and attacked civilians and soldiers. The raid was made four miles north to Boquillas at an ore terminal station and directly behind Colonel Langhorne's column, which up to that time had not crossed into Mexico. After a short skirmish the bandits fled.

El Paso, May 13.—The Obregon-Scott conferences over the Mexican situation ended in a disagreement on Thursday. All future diplomatic negotiations—if there are any—will be between the secretary of state and Mexican Ambassador Arredondo.

At the conclusion of the final session the following statement, signed by the conferees, was given to the correspondents:

"After several conferences, marked throughout with conspicuous courtesy and good will, in which conferences mutual impressions were exchanged and information was collected upon the military situation on the frontier, it was agreed upon by the conferees to suspend the conferences and report back to their governments in order that these may be able through their respective foreign departments to conclude this matter. The ending of these conferences does not mean, in any way, a rupture of the good relations of friendship between the conferees nor between the respective governments."

"A. OBREGON, "FREDERICK FUNSTON."

General Obregon further announced that he had informed General Scott that several Mexican diplomats were now on their way to Washington from Mexico City with instructions from General Carranza regarding the representations for withdrawal made to the state department by Ambassador Arredondo.

Marathon, Tex., May 13.—Major Langhorne and his two troops of the Eighth cavalry have crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico and are making their way southward rapidly.

Colonel Sibley's command of the Fourteenth cavalry reached the river on Thursday and crossed immediately. General Funston said he was considering a proposition to calling upon the First cavalry of the Illinois National Guard for patrol work along the Rio Grande.

ASQUITH TO PACIFY IRELAND

Leaves for Dublin After Attack in Commons—14 Leaders of Revolt Were Executed.

London, May 13.—Premier Asquith left the Euston station on Thursday on board the Irish mail train on his way to Dublin.

After a bitter debate on the Irish question in the house of commons in which the executions of rebels and the maintenance of martial law in Ireland were vigorously condemned, Premier Asquith announced that he was leaving immediately for Dublin.

Mr. Asquith said his trip would not be made with the intention of superseding the executive authority in Ireland, but for the purpose of consulting the civil and military authorities at first hand and arriving at some arrangement for the future which would commend itself to Irishmen of all parties and to parliament.

Under Secretary for War Tennant announced in the house of commons that 14 persons had been executed for the revolt in Ireland, 73 had been sentenced to penal servitude and six condemned to hard labor.

Those deported from Ireland totaled 1,706, Tennant added.

TEXAS MILITIA REACHES CAMP

One Thousand Men Arrive at Fort Sam Houston—Entire Force Expected Soon.

San Antonio, Tex., May 13.—More than 1,000 men of the Texas National Guard arrived here on Thursday and went into the mobilization camp at Fort Sam Houston. The physical examination of the men will be begun at once. The men who pass will be sworn and mustered into the United States service. Their terms of enlistment will be for the period of their enlistment in the National Guard or until the Mexican expedition ends. It is expected all of the 3,500 Texas Guardsmen will be in camp soon.

May Enlist in Militia.

New York, May 13.—The critical situation in Mexico and threatened troubles with other nations have sent enlistments in the National Guard soaring, according to a statement of the recruiting committee.

Army Surgeons to Border.

Washington, May 15.—Twelve army surgeons stationed in Washington and on leave here received orders on Friday to be prepared to leave Washington at once, presumably for the Mexican border.

THE FICKLE GREASER



ADMITS SHIP ATTACK MILITIA ORDERED OUT

GERMAN NOTE SAYS SUBMARINE TORPEDOED STEAMER SUSSEX.

Berlin Declares Kaiser's Assurances Were Violated—Accepts Full Responsibility—Officer Punished.

Washington, May 12.—Germany notified the United States on Wednesday she would accept full responsibility for the torpedoing of the Sussex and that the submarine commander already had been punished for failing to exercise proper judgment. The commander, says the German note, thought he was attacking an auxiliary warship.

U. S. TROOPS KILL MEXICANS

Outlaws Slain Across Rio Grande—Rangers Wipe Out Band—Seven Americans Escape.

Marathon, Tex., May 11.—Captain Fox of the Texas Rangers reported to Colonel Sibley that seven American soldiers and posse men had engaged a small band of Villa bandits across the Rio Grande and killed several of them. There were no American losses.

Eight armed Mexicans are reported to have been killed Monday on this side of the Rio Grande by Texas Rangers. This news was brought here by Lloyd Wade, a ranchman. Four other Mexicans escaped.

Overpowering their guards, the eight Americans, seven of whom were employees of the Porto Rico de Boquillas mines, captured by a body of Villistas last Saturday, escaped and are now on American soil. Dr. Homer Powers of San Antonio, Tex., was among those who escaped.

44 DIE ON AMERICAN SHIP

Steamer Roanoke Destroyed by Explosion 100 Miles From Frisco—Vessel on Way to Valparaiso.

San Francisco, May 12.—The steamship Roanoke, which left San Francisco last Monday for Valparaiso, loaded with explosives and a general cargo, sank or was blown up 100 miles south of San Francisco.

A disconnected story of the tragedy was told by three survivors who were picked up in a lifeboat near the Port San Luis breakwater. Five dead men were in the boat. The Roanoke carried a crew of 46 men.

GERARD'S AID BRINGS NEWS

Secretary of American Embassy at Berlin to Tell Wilson of Deliberations With Kaiser.

London, May 11.—The Morning Post Amsterdam correspondent says that Secretary Grew of the American embassy at Berlin has left for the United States via Copenhagen. Mr. Grew will report to the Washington government on the confidential deliberations that took place between Ambassador Gerard and the German emperor, and the imperial chancellor on the subject of the American note regarding submarine policy.

Boy-Ed Decorated.

Copenhagen, May 15.—Captain Boy-Ed, former German naval attaché and whose recall was demanded by the United States, has received the Order of the Red Eagle, third class, according to a dispatch from Berlin.

Dutch Sailors in Mutiny.

Amsterdam, May 15.—Mutiny has broken out on board three Dutch battleships at Java, according to dispatches from Batavia to the Telegraph. Three hundred sailors deserted the ships. Sixty men punished.

NATIONAL GUARD OF THREE STATES SENT TO BORDER.

Outbreak in the Big Bend District Causes Wilson to Take Drastic Action.

Washington, May 11.—The first step toward complete intervention in Mexico should Carranza force a break was taken on Tuesday. President Wilson issued an order calling into active service "for duty as a border guard" the National Guards of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. In an official statement issued with the announcement that the militia had been called on for active service, Secretary of War Baker stated that the outbreak in the Big Bend district of the Rio Grande and the danger of other outbreaks made it imperative that more troops be called into service.

Simultaneous with the order sending the militia to the border, the war department ordered to the front practically all of the infantry remaining in the United States. The militia forces of the three states mentioned will add 4,000 men to Funston's command and in addition he will get some 3,000 regulars, as follows:

The Thirtieth infantry from Plattsburg, N. Y.

The Third Infantry from Madison barracks and Oswego, N. Y.

Two battalions of the Twenty-first infantry from Vancouver barracks and San Diego.

Two battalions of the Fourteenth infantry from Fort Lawton, Wash.

U. S. FLYER FALLS 300 FEET

Lieut. C. G. Chapman Escapes Injury When Machine Plunges to Ground on the Border.

Columbus, Miss., May 11.—With a cracked propeller blade, Lieut. C. G. Chapman of the army aero corps started to make a reconnaissance flight over the border. The aviator knew of the condition of his machine, but insisted rumors of trouble along the American line of communication demanded investigation. He had flown only about two miles toward the Mexican border when the propeller blade broke, forcing him to plummet 300 feet to earth. He sustained no injuries.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Columbus, Miss., May 13.—Harris Johnston, one hundred and one, the oldest general in the United States, is dead here.

Copenhagen, May 13.—The German naval and military forces are preparing for a combined land and sea attack against the Russian port of Riga, according to report current here.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 11.—Rumor said to have originated at Halifax, that a transport carrying Canadian troops to England had been sunk is persistently circulated here. It lacked confirmation from any source.

Rebels Proclaim President.

Peking, May 13.—Li Yuan Sung has been proclaimed president of the southern provisional government formed by the Chinese rebels. A war cabinet has also been formed with Tang Chi Yao chairman.

Dies While Cranking Motor.

Allentown, Pa., May 13.—Rev. Irwin B. Ritter, president of the Allentown conference of the Lutheran church, died as the result of a stroke of paralysis suffered while cranking his automobile.

HEADS OF REVOLT DIE

LAST SIGNERS OF IRISH REPUBLIC PROCLAMATION HAVE BEEN EXECUTED.

HEAD OF ARMY FACES SQUAL

Commander of the Rebel Forces Pay: Penalty—Two Others Slain—Premier Asquith of England Views Rebel Army; S. MacDiarmid (McDermott); C. Ceannnt.

Dublin, May 15.—It was officially announced on Friday that all the signers of the Irish republic proclamation have been executed.

The last three, shot yesterday, were: James Connolly, commander of rebel army; S. MacDiarmid (McDermott); C. Ceannnt.

Those previously shot: Peter Pearse, president of Irish republic; Thomas Clarke, Joseph Plunkett, Thomas MacDonagh.

The official statement spoke only of the shooting of Connolly and MacDiarmid, but the announcement that all the signers were dead indicates that Ceannnt was a third victim of the firing squad. Connolly was wounded in the fighting and after the rebels' surrender was taken to a hospital. As soon as he had recovered he was court-martialed.

The report of yesterday's executions caused great bitterness, as it was believed that the arrival of Premier Asquith in Dublin would halt all killings. Apparently the shootings were with his consent, as he would be the ranking governmental officer immediately upon his stepping onto Irish soil.

Premier Asquith arrived here in the morning to investigate for himself conditions in Ireland following the recent revolt. As a result of his visit it is expected that martial law will soon be ended and civil administration restored.

The premier drove through several streets lined by wrecked buildings and also viewed the damage done to the viceregal lodge.

At a long conference with General Maxwell, commander of the military forces in Ireland, the premier received complete official report on the course that the rebellion had taken and the present situation.

NEW RAID ON THE BORDER

Americans Flee in Autos When Bandits Attack Polaris—Troops Arrive Too Late.

Tucson, Ariz., May 15.—Mexican bandits on Friday raided Polaris, a mining camp seven miles below Lochiel, on the border, driving out the Americans, who escaped to Nogales in automobiles.

Colonel Sage, commanding at Nogales, sent a company of infantry and twenty cavalrymen to guard Lochiel, Washington Camp and other towns on the American side.

A telephone message received here from Washington Camp stated that American soldiers had crossed the line and visited Polaris camp, but found the bandits had fled.

Mexican bandits who shot and killed Curtis Bayles, an American, near Mercedes, Tex., have escaped into Mexico, according to Lieut. F. L. Van Horn, who returned to Fort Brown after chasing the Mexicans to the Rio Grande.

There were three of the bandits, Lieutenant Van Horn stated, and they were trailed to the river by a detachment of American soldiers. No attempt was made to cross into Mexico to follow them.

RAILROAD PRESIDENT IS DEAD

William A. Gardner of the Northwestern Passes Away at Cape Cod, Mass.

Cape Cod, Mass., May 15.—William A. Gardner, president of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, died at his summer home here on Friday. He was fifty-seven years old, and for some time had been in failing health. It was because of his health that Mr. Gardner came here with his family a short time ago. The body, it was said, will be taken to Evanston, Ill., for burial.

AUSTRIAN LINER TORPEDOED

Steamer Dubrovnik Sunk Without Warning, Berlin Announces—Vessel Was Unarmed.

Berlin (by wireless), May 15.—The Austro-Hungarian passenger steamer Dubrovnik has been torpedoed and sunk by a hostile submarine in the Adriatic sea, it was announced on Friday. The official report of the vessel's destruction stated that the steamer was torpedoed without warning.

Three High School Girls Drown.

Hawarden, Ia., May 15.—The Big Sioux river is being searched for bodies of three high school girls—Neva Johnson, Marjorie Fairbrother and Edna Borman—who were drowned when their boat was swept over a dam.

Sandusky Has \$500,000 Fire.

Sandusky, May 15.—Subsiding of a high wind probably was all that saved the business district of this city from destruction, by fire. The fire wrecked a score of stores. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

GOSSIP FROM STATE HOUSE

It is probable that a business men's military camp may be established at Fort Crook this summer if plans now on foot meet the approval of the war department.

Nebraska has received its quarterly allowance of \$8,590 from the federal government for its share in the support of the inmates of soldiers' homes maintained by the state.

A report from the auditor's office shows that state warrants amounting to \$278,977.00 were issued during April, making an expenditure for the first four months of about \$1,700,000.

The state banking board has issued a warning to a number of banks against the circulation of a folder entitled "Guaranteed Deposits," as it contains a number of misleading statements.

Claude Veal, of Verdon, Richardson county, is the first boy to regularly enter for membership in the Boys' school encampment, to be held at the 1916 state fair, and Ned Freeland, of Imperial, is the next.

Arrangements are being made by the extension service of the college of agriculture to send demonstrators to the twenty-six towns in Nebraska undertaking this work in connection with the public school work.

Two exhibit tents of the college of agriculture will be at a number of the county fairs this fall, with information regarding work being done at the experiment station, and other data on Nebraska agriculture.

Secretary of State Pool has begun the duty of issuing certificates of nomination to those candidates who survived the recent primary. The successful ones will soon have them as evidences of their victory.

With 2,000 students of the University of Nebraska the guests of Omaha on May 19, residents of that place will be given an idea of the importance of the university and its relation to the state of Nebraska.

The state insurance board has issued a license to the Farmers' Cooperative Hall Insurance company of Grand Island. This is an assessment company which had heavy losses last year and paid 50 cents on the dollar to policyholders. The state board prescribed certain rules governing the expenses of such companies which the company has agreed to comply with.

Treasurer Hall's monthly statement shows receipts of \$288,000 during the month of April and expenditures of \$367,500 for the month. The balance in the general fund April 30 was \$1,303,018, which is enough to guard against want for some time to come. Trust funds invested now amount to \$9,655,600, of which the major portion represents the state's permanent school fund.

The state military board is getting ready to install four more companies of the national guard. The one at Osceola, disbanded a short time ago because it was not up to standard, will be reconstituted. Other companies will be established at Wayne, David City and Wisner. The board is expecting to visit Fort Robinson near Crawford in the near future. The military encampment this year will be held there.

The monthly report of State Treasurer G. E. Hall shows that he has \$137,000 of uninvested educational or trust funds on hand. This money is drawing 3 per cent interest in state depository banks. The funds comprise the permanent school fund, permanent university fund, agricultural endowment fund and the normal endowment fund. Treasurer Hall says he has enough bonds on the waiting list to take up the uninvested trust funds.

A bulletin addressed to bottlers of commercial beverages has been issued by the Nebraska food commission, informing them as to various features of the state law and warning them against the use of injurious ingredients. The circular also gives notice that if alcohol is used the proportion must be stated on the label, and that the net contents of the container also be given. Sanitary features are also mentioned.

A notice that is being sent out by the United States war department has been received by Adjutant General Hall to the effect that hereafter the federal government will not replace military property in charge of the militia organizations when it is destroyed by fire. The communication requests that steps be taken to have all such property insured at state expense.

The war department has furnished Adjutant General Hall, for the use of the N. N. G., two modern range finders.

The state board of control has awarded a contract for the construction of a building for women patients at the state hospital for insane at Norfolk. The contractor's bid was \$50,521 with an optional deduction of \$2,000 if reinforced concrete is used instead of steel girders. The board decided to use concrete. The building is to be fireproof and will accommodate 100 women patients.

The state board of control is just finishing or has in progress of erection buildings estimated to cost over a quarter million dollars.